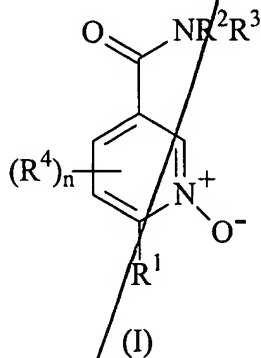


Please amend Claim 1 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A compound having the structure (I):



and optical isomers, diastereomers, enantiomers and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

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R¹ is selected from R⁵ and R⁵-(C₁-C₆heteroalkylene)- where R⁵ is selected from hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocycle aliphatic ring and heterocycle aliphatic ring, amino or hydroxy;

R² is hydrogen;

R³ is aryl or aryl(alkylene);

each occurrence of R⁴ is independently selected from halogen, alkyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, carbocycle aliphatic ring and heterocycle aliphatic ring, amino or hydroxy; and

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

provided, however, that when R³ is phenyl, R⁴ can not be halogen at the 4-position of the pyridine ring, and that when n is 0, and R³ is phenyl optionally substituted by methoxycarbonyl, R¹ can not be selected from R⁵ where R⁵ is hydrogen.

Please amend Claim 4 to read as follows:

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4. (Amended) A compound of claim 1 wherein n is 0 or 1.